

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Inventory Number: AL-VI-C-196

Name:

NR or Easement?

County: Allegany

Address: Morrison Road

Town: Reynolds

USGS Quad: BARTON

Description:

Construction Material:

*Detail Map:*

*Mapped on Mylar?* T

*Capsule Summary?* F

*MIHP Form?* F

*Other Forms?*

*Chain of Title?* F

*Floor Plans?* F

*Drawings?* F

*Quad Map with Form?* F

*Maps:*

*No. Photos:*

*Odd Photos:*

*Vertical File?*

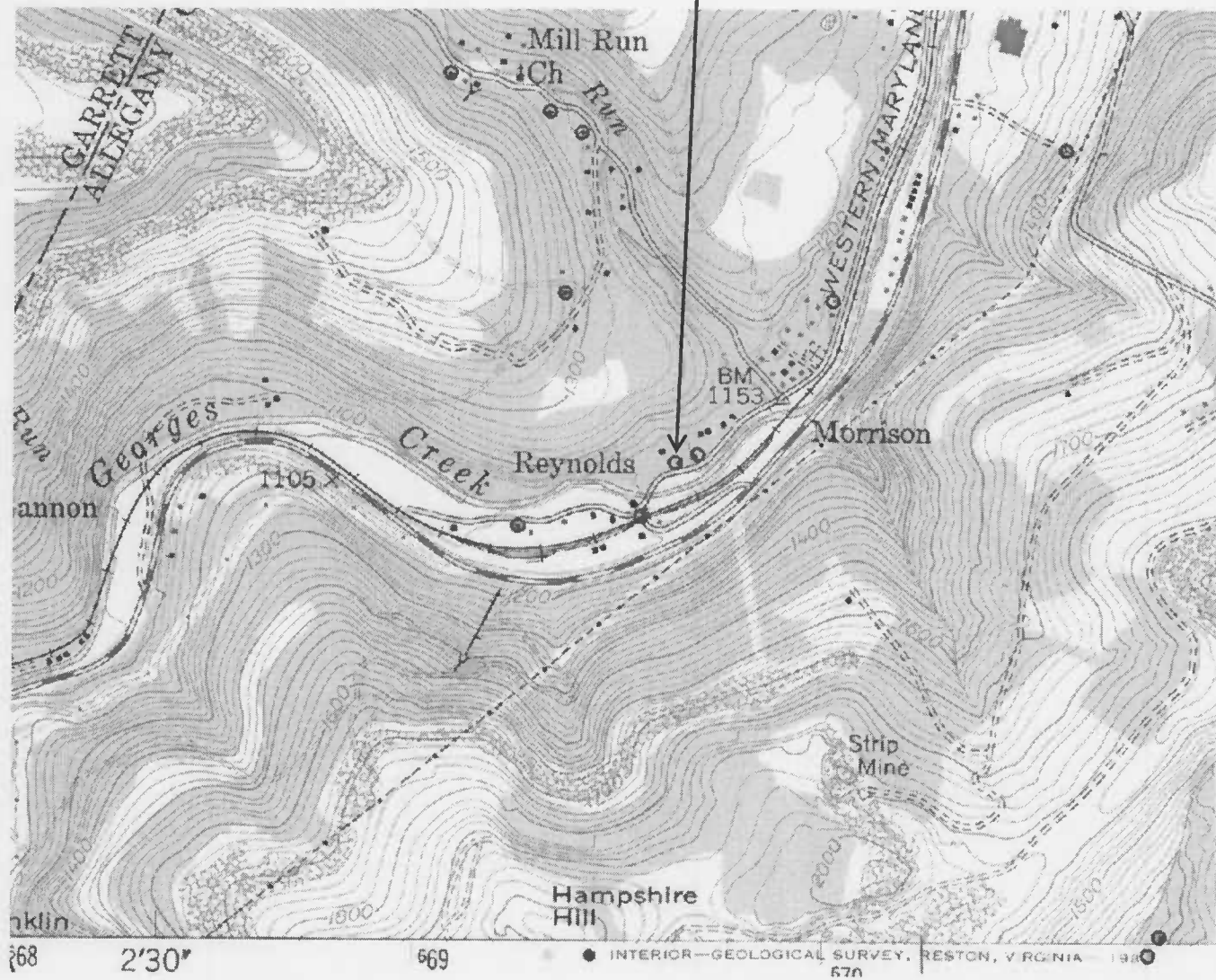
*Historic District?* F

*Survey District?* F

*Other:*

*Digitized?* T

AL-VI-C-196  
Morrison Road  
Barton Quad  
Allegany County



Shaffer Saltbox  
AL-VI-C-197

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Shaffer Saltbox

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

west side of Route 36

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Carl W. Shaffer

Telephone #: 359-3604

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 1 Box 16

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21532 zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 250

Folio #: 51

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# **7 DESCRIPTION**

## **CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

## **CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

## **CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Shaffer Saltbox is located on the western side of Route 36 in Franklin.

The double house is two stories tall and six bays wide. It originally was a gable roofed rectangular structure. A shed or "outshut" addition on the west makes the building a saltbox. Wall construction is frame covered with insul siding. The building rests on a low foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice and bed mould on the gabled ends and of a boxed cornice and soffit on the flanks. One large brich chimney located in the center of the original building serves both sides. A smaller chimney is located in the center of the "outshut" addition.

Entrances are in the center of each three bay half of the building. Doors of both are of four panel with original hardware. Windows are pegged six over six light sashes. A wide hip roofed porch on the east has chamfered wooden posts. Separate shed roofed porches on the west have been enclosed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Franklin was developed between 1852 and 1857. It was one of several villages created by coal companies near mine sites in the lower George's Creek Valley during the 1850's. (1) The initial growth of these towns was predicated by the establishment of the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company Railroad through the lower part of the valley in 1852 which provided an essential outlet for mined coal. (2) Another factor in the growth of the towns was the completion of the C & O Canal in 1850. As the canal neared completion many mining companies "announced plans for housing the additional miners" necessary for the anticipated increase in mining activity. (3)

This double saltbox was most likely a company house built between 1852 and 1857. In later years it was the property of the Gannon family which apparently was involved in mining and owned rental properties in the area. (4) Double or "block" houses of this type were the standard style of the mining region. Most are like this building, a two story frame structure on a rubble stone foundation and a shed or "outshut" addition on the rear which makes a saltbox.

- (1) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) Vol. I p. 539
- (2) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co) p. 142
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 78
- (4) Allegany County Land Records Liber 83, Folio 450 and Index of Names-G  
Also see the attached map which shows a small town north of Franklin known as Gannon (which no longer exists)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History Parsons W Va. :McClain Printing Co., 1976  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 82'x154'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites DATE April 15, 1980

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: AL-VI-C-197

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

N. OF PROPERTY: Saltbox double house

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: W side Rt 36 Franklin

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Carl W ~~Shaffer~~ Shaffer *check location* 250/51 197

ADDRESS: ED 8 Map 67 p. 19 359-3604  
Rt 1 Box 16 Westport 21562 80x154

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on w shd make it a saltbox on wooden posts

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings small sheathing

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick replaced with 3/1 on 1st floor

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) big sills  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: covered on half of panels

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: overhang & bed on gable sides  
(crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; tar paper original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) dormer posts

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_



REST

Hill

Jackson Mtn

Barton

Moores Run

Dogwood Flats

Barton Hill

St Gabriels Cem

Mill Run

Ch Run

Potomac Hill

Morrison

Reynolds

Georges Creek

Gannon

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SHAFFER SALTBOX

W SIDE RT 36, BARTON  
USGS BARTON QUAD.

1:24,000 1947

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty

Light-duty

Unimproved dirt

State Route

(KEYSER)  
5262 IV NW

(PORT) 667  
NE

1000



1 KILOMETER

AL 20 FEET



39°30'  
79°00'

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D C - 1966 671000m E



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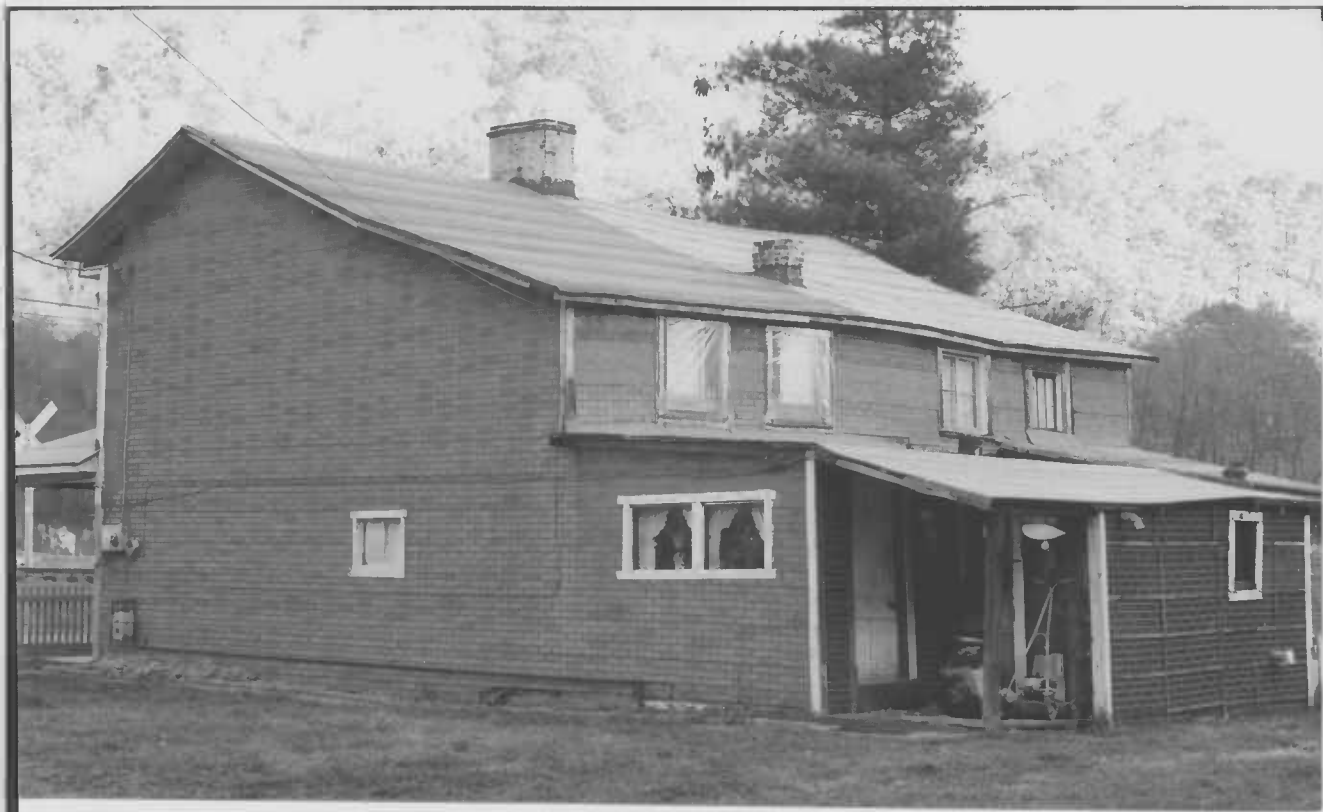
SHAFER SALTECH

W. SIDE RT. 36, FRANKLIN

DAVID A. JORSEY

10/30/78

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W. SIDE RT. 36 FRANKLIN  
DAVID A. DORSET

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South east